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TAGS:OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) YO

SUBJECT: SECVISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: JOINT PRESS RELEASE

REF: BELGRADE 5343

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM ARMITAGE

1. REFTEL TRANSMITS EMBASSY BELGRADE'S DRAFT OF JOINT PRESS RELEASE FOR SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT YUGOSLAV DRAFT IN ORDER TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON FINAL TEST.

2. IN MY JUDGEMENT, DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT (COPY OF WHICH IS IN YOUR BRIEFING BOOK) PRESENTS MORE SUITABLE POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR DISCUSSIONS GIVEN SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN STATE OF OUR BILATERAL POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA. IT WOULD ALSO SEEM ADVISABLE TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF JOINT PRESS RELEASE UNTIL SECRETARY HAS AT LEAST HELD HIS INITIAL TALKS WITH YUGOSLAV LEADERS.

3. IF YOU CONCUR, YOU MAY WISH TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO EMBASSY BELGRADE: BEGIN TEXT: FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HARTMAN. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO EXCHANGE DRAFTS OR INITIATE DISCUSSION OF JOINT PRESS RELEASE WITH YUGOSLAVS UNTIL SECRETARY HAS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS RESULTS OF HIS

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